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Asks Closer

Eye On CIA

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A young college professor Wednesday urged closer scrutiny of the Central Intelligence Agency to halt new scandals similar to the recent student subsidy affair.

In a noontime talk before the Civitan Club, Irving J. Stolberg also chided a colleague at Southern Connecticut State College, Armando Chardiet, professor of Latin American history.

During his comments on the CIA, Stolberg suggested the executive wing of government keep an eye on the spy agency. And he revealed he and several others "will attempt to salvage the American student movement" in the next few weeks.

His remarks on Chardiet dealt with a talk given before the club, on March 9 in which Chardiet labeled two New York newsmen and Yale Chaplain William Sloane Coffin Jr. "useful idiots."

Chardiet suggested the Rev. Mr. Coffin and the newsmen—Harrison E. Salisbury, and Herbert L. Matthews of the New York Times—had become useful to the Communists through their stories and speeches. He also offered to debate the Rev. Mr. Coffin "where he choses."

Smiling thinly, Stolberg, an assistant professor of geography, said he wished to "make it clear" that neither he nor Chardiet were speaking in behalf of the school.

He took strong exception to the "useful idiot" term for the Rev. Mr. Coffin saying "Bill Coffin is a fine symbol for American youth." He said the minister's activities were motivated by a love for people.

clared, "his (Chardiet's) remarks were motivated by an antagonism for people . . . and some hatred."

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At one point he told the service organization audience "he scemed very anxious to debate somebody. He can find a debate any day in the faculty dining room."

Although Chardiet's talk covered a number of topics, Stoberg's remarks centered around those concerning Coffin. He did say, however, that he "disagreed strongly" with Chardiet's presentation.

Turning to the "CIA Affair" Stolberg explained the concept of student organizations and told of their growth since World War II.

Stolberg decried the fact that the revelations of the CIA link to student groups meant "many students have lived a lie."

He told the audience in DiNicola's Restaurant that those students who agreed to work in any form for the agency took oaths of secrecy which, in effect, kept them from revealing their roles.

Stolberg called for Congress and the President to lift the oath from all student organizations and to see that the unit reverts to what it was intended, an intelligence agency.

Noting that he once served as an international campus administrator for the National Student Association, Stolberg said he and several other former NSA members would attempt to get some sort of Congressional action.

Personalizing his closing remarks, Stolberg asked rhetorically "How would you feel if you found the top officers of the Civitan Club were being paid to formulate policy that you thought you were formulating?"

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